# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5158
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
WOMEN OFFICERS IN ARMY
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of women SSC Officers serving the Indian Army;

(b) the number of such officers who left the army after completion of five year service;

(c) whether on the basis of some evaluation regarding their performance, any policy has been formulated regarding their term of service;

(d) whether there is any proposal to give permanent commission to lady officers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) At present, there are 1089 women SSC officers in the Army.

(b) 99 SSC women officers left Army after five years' service.

(c) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TOPARTS (c)TO(e)OFLOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5158 FC
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In Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corpsand Military Nursing Service, women officers are recruited on both permanent andShort Service Commission basis. Inother identified branches, women officers are recruited, initially, for 5 years, under Short Service Commission with the option of extension of another 5 years, subject to their fitness.

2. The scheme of grant of Short Service Commission for women wasstarted in 1992 and initially, the commission was granted only for 5 years. However, in 1996, this Commission was made extendable to 10 years for women officers, who opt for extension and are found fit by Board of officers.